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METHOD OF RECONSTRUCTING LIGAMENT

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated October 3, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on January 3, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.